Putting Consumers First

When it comes to the cable competition issue, Michigan Citizen Action's primary goals are to <u>lower consumer costs</u> for basic services, <u>improve customer service</u>, and <u>expand customer control</u> over their choices. We believe the best way to accomplish these goals is to lower barriers to competition.

In keeping with this philosophy, we believe that:

- Consumers should drive the marketplace.
- Technological innovation should be encouraged.
- Economic investment and the creation of high-quality Michigan jobs should be priorities.
- Consumers should be protected by providing them information about services available and rate setting processes.
- Providers should be required to provide timely and quality services.
- Providers should be required to provide service to all consumers where it is economically feasible.
- Financial consideration should be given for use of local municipalities' assets.

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